# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

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Plaintiff,	C.A. No. 12-715-CJB
v. VERIZON SERVICES CORP., VERIZON ONLINE LLC, AND VERIZON DELAWARE LLC,	JURY TRIAL DEMANDED
Defendants.	: : : :

## **SCHEDULING ORDER**

This \_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_, 201\_, the Court having conducted an initial Rule 16 scheduling and planning conference pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 16(b) and Local Rule 16.1 on **August 23, 2012**, and the parties having determined after discussion that the matter cannot be resolved at this juncture by settlement, voluntary mediation, or binding arbitration;

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Rule 26(a)(1) Initial Disclosures and E-Discovery Default Standard. The parties will make their initial disclosures pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a)(1) within fifteen (15) days following the Scheduling Conference. The parties have reviewed the Court's Default Standard for Discovery of Electronic Documents ("Default Standard"), which is posted on Magistrate Judge Burke's section of the Court's website

(http://www.ded.uscourts.gov) under the "Guidelines" tab, and is incorporated herein by reference except that the following due dates shall apply:

a. The parties' Paragraph (3) disclosures: **September 24, 2012** 

b. Plaintiff's Paragraph 4(a) disclosures: **September 24, 2012** 

c. Defendants' Paragraph 4(b) disclosures: October 24, 2012

d. Plaintiff's Paragraph 4(c) disclosures: **December 7, 2012** 

e. Defendants' Paragraph 4(d) disclosures: **January 7, 2013** 

#### 2. Specific E-Discovery Issues.

- a. To more efficiently conduct electronic discovery, the parties agree that they will not request production of email prior to the disclosure of core technical documents (Default Standard, ¶ 4(b)). Within five (5) business days after the Paragraph 4(b) core technical document disclosure, the parties will meet and confer to explore whether they can reach agreement to limit email collection and production in this case.
- b. All electronically stored information will be collected and produced according to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, this Court's Local Rules, and the Default Standard.
- 3. <u>Joinder of Other Parties and Amendment of Pleadings</u>. All motions to join other parties, and to amend or supplement the pleadings shall be filed on or before **March 29**, **2013**.
- 4. **Discovery**. Unless otherwise ordered by the Court, the limitations on discovery set forth in Local Rule 26.1 shall be strictly observed.
  - a. Discovery Cut Off. All discovery in this case shall be initiated so that

it will be completed on or before May 3, 2013.

- b. <u>Document Production</u>. Document production shall be substantially complete by **February 28, 2013**.
- c. Requests for Admission. A maximum of **40** requests for admission are permitted for each side. There shall be no limit, however, on the number of requests for admission that a document or thing (i) is authentic or (ii) is a business record. This provision is not a waiver of either party's ability to argue that a particular set of requests for admission directed to authenticity or the business record exception constitutes an undue burden.

#### d. Interrogatories.

- i. A maximum of **25** interrogatories, including contention interrogatories, are permitted for each side.
- ii. The Court encourages the parties to serve and respond to contention interrogatories early in the case. In the absence of agreement among the parties, contention interrogatories, if filed, shall first be addressed by the party with the burden of proof. The adequacy of all interrogatory answers shall, in part, be judged by the level of detail each party provides; i.e., the more detail a party provides, the more detail a party shall receive.

## e. <u>Depositions</u>.

i. <u>Limitation on Hours for Deposition Discovery</u>. Each side is limited to a total of **50** hours of taking testimony by deposition upon oral examination of fact witnesses (including non-party witnesses, but excluding experts), with a maximum of **7** hours per witness.

Location of Depositions. Any party or representative (officer, director, or managing agent) of a party filing a civil action in this district court will be required to submit to a deposition at a place of the witness' election within this district, New York City, the Washington, D.C. area, or any other location by agreement between the parties. A defendant who becomes a counterclaimant, cross-claimant, or third-party plaintiff shall be considered as having filed an action in this Court for the purpose of this provision. Exceptions to this general rule may be made by order of the Court. All other party witnesses may elect to be deposed within this district, New York City, the Washington, D.C. area, the Helsinki, Finland area, or any other location by agreement between the parties.

# f. <u>Disclosure of Expert Testimony</u>.

i. Expert Reports. For the party who has the initial burden of proof on the subject matter, the initial Federal Rule 26(a)(2) disclosure of expert testimony is due on or before **November 1, 2013**. The supplemental disclosure to contradict or rebut evidence on the same matter identified by another party is due on or before **December 2, 2013**. Reply expert reports from the party with the initial burden of proof are due on or before **December 20, 2013**. The parties agree that Defendants are not expected to address secondary indicia of nonobviousness in Defendants' initial Federal Rule 26(a)(2) disclosure of expert testimony. Plaintiff shall raise any secondary indicia of nonobviousness in expert disclosures on or before **December 2, 2013**. On or before **December 20, 2013**, Defendants may submit expert disclosures to contradict or rebut any evidence of secondary indicia of nonobviousness identified by Plaintiff. No other expert reports will be permitted without either the consent of

all parties or leave of the Court. Along with the submissions of the expert reports, the parties shall advise of the dates and times of their experts' availability for deposition.

- ii. <u>Objections to Expert Testimony</u>. To the extent any objection to expert testimony is made pursuant to the principles announced in *Daubert v. Merrell Dow Pharm., Inc.*, 509 U.S. 579 (1993), as incorporated in Federal Rule of Evidence 702, it shall be made by motion no later than the deadline for dispositive motions set forth herein, unless otherwise ordered by the Court.
- iii. <u>Expert Depositions</u>. All expert discovery in this case shall be initiated so that it will be completed on or before, **January 31, 2014**.
- g. <u>Discovery Matters and Disputes Relating to Protective Orders</u>. Should counsel find they are unable to resolve a discovery matter or a dispute relating to a protective order, the parties involved in the discovery matter or protective order dispute shall contact chambers at (302) 573-4591 to schedule a telephone conference. In addition to contacting Chambers with regard to scheduling the teleconference, the moving party or parties should also file a "[Joint] Motion For Teleconference To Resolve [Protective Order or Discovery]

  Dispute."

Not less than seventy-two (72) hours prior to the conference, excluding weekends and holidays, the party seeking relief shall file with the Court a letter, not to exceed four (4) pages, in no less than 12-point font, outlining the issues in dispute and its position on those issues. Not less than forty-eight (48) hours prior to the conference, excluding weekends and holidays, any party opposing the application for relief may file a letter, not to exceed four (4) pages, in no less than 12-point font, outlining that party's reason for its opposition. Courtesy copies of

the letters are to be hand delivered to the Clerk's Office within one hour of e-filing.

Should the Court find further briefing necessary upon conclusion of the telephone conference, the Court will order it. Disputes or issues regarding protective orders, or motions for extension of time for briefing case dispositive motions that are related to discovery matters are, in the first instance, to be addressed in accordance with this Order.

No motions to compel or motions for protective order shall be filed absent approval of the Court. Absent express approval of the Court following a discovery conference, no motions pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 37 shall be filed.

5. Application to Court for Protective Order. Should counsel find it will be necessary to apply to the Court for a protective order specifying terms and conditions for the disclosure of confidential information, counsel should confer and attempt to reach an agreement on a proposed form of order and submit it to the Court within fifteen (15) days from the date of this Order. Should counsel be unable to reach an agreement on a proposed form of order, counsel must follow the provisions of Paragraph 3(g) above.

Any proposed protective order must include the following paragraph:

Other Proceedings. By entering this order and limiting the disclosure of information in this case, the Court does not intend to preclude another court from finding that information may be relevant and subject to disclosure in another case. Any person or party subject to this order who becomes subject to a motion to disclose another party's information designated "confidential" [the parties should list any other level of designation, such as "highly confidential," which may be provided for in the protective order] pursuant to this order shall promptly notify that party of the motion so that the party may have an opportunity to appear and be heard on whether that information should be disclosed.

- 6. Papers Filed Under Seal. When filing papers under seal, counsel shall deliver to the Clerk an original and one (1) copy of the papers. In accordance with section G of the Administrative Procedures Governing Filing and Service by Electronic Means, a redacted version of any sealed document shall be filed electronically within seven (7) days of the filing of the sealed document.
- 7. <u>Courtesy Copies</u>. The parties shall provide to the Court two (2) courtesy copies of all briefs and one (1) courtesy copy of any other document filed in support of any briefs (i.e., appendices, exhibits, declarations, affidavits etc.). This provision also applies to papers filed under seal.
- 8. <u>ADR Process</u>. Having discussed the ADR process during the Rule 16 scheduling conference, the Court will schedule one or more teleconferences to discuss ADR with the parties during the pendency of this case.
- 9. <u>Interim Status Report</u>. On May 10, 2013, counsel shall submit a joint letter to the Court with an interim report on the nature of the matters in issue and the progress of discovery to date. Thereafter, if the Court deems it necessary, it will schedule a status conference.
- ordered by the Court, the parties shall provide the Court, no later than the date on which their opening claim construction briefs are due, a tutorial on the technology at issue. In that regard, the parties may separately or jointly submit a DVD of not more than 30 minutes. The tutorial should focus on the technology at issue and should not be used to argue claim construction contentions. The parties may choose to file their tutorial(s) under seal, subject to any protective order in effect.

Each party may comment, in writing (in no more than 5 pages) on the opposing party's tutorial.

Any such comment shall be filed no later than the date on which the answering claim construction briefs are due. As to the format selected, the parties should confirm the Court's technical abilities to access the information contained in the tutorial.

- limited earlier claim construction would be helpful in resolving the case, on April 19, 2013, the parties shall exchange a list of those claim term(s)/phrase(s) that they believe need construction and their proposed claim construction of those term(s)/phrase(s). This document will not be filed with the Court. Subsequent to exchanging that list, the parties will meet and confer to prepare a Joint Claim Construction Chart to be submitted on May 3, 2013. The parties' Joint Claim Construction Chart should identify for the Court the term(s)/phrase(s) of the claim(s) in issue, and should include each party's proposed construction of the disputed claim language with citation(s) only to the intrinsic evidence in support of their respective proposed constructions. A copy of the patent(s) in issue as well as those portions of the intrinsic record relied upon shall be submitted with this Joint Claim Construction Chart. In this joint submission, the parties shall not provide argument.
- 12. <u>Claim Construction Briefing</u>. The parties shall contemporaneously submit initial briefs on claim construction issues on **June 3, 2013**. The parties' answering/responsive briefs shall be contemporaneously submitted on **June 24, 2013**. No reply briefs or supplemental papers on claim construction shall be submitted without leave of the Court. Local Rule 7.1.3.(a)(4) shall control the page limitation for initial (opening) and responsive (answering) briefs.

- 13. Hearing on Claim Construction. At the convenience of the Court, beginning at 10:00 a.m. on July 30, 2013, the Court will hear argument on claim construction. The parties shall notify the Court, by joint letter submission, no later than the date on which their answering claim construction briefs are due: (i) whether they request leave to present testimony at the hearing; and (ii) the amount of time they are requesting be allocated to them for the hearing.
- 14. <u>Case Dispositive Motions</u>. All case dispositive motions, an opening brief, and affidavits, if any, in support of the motion shall be served and filed on or before **February 28**, **2014**. Briefing will be presented pursuant to the Court's Local Rules. No case-dispositive motion under Rule 56 may be filed more than ten (10) days before the above date without leave of the Court. A party seeking leave to file a case dispositive motion prior to ten (10) days before the deadlines set forth above shall do so by filing a letter brief with the Court of no more than four (4) pages, explaining the reasons why an earlier-filed motion should be permitted. If any party wishes to contest this request, it may do so by filing a responsive letter brief of no more than four (4) pages, within seven (7) days from the date the requesting party filed its brief. No reply briefs shall be filed.
- 15. **Applications by Motion**. Except as otherwise specified herein, any application to the Court shall be by written motion filed with the Clerk. Any non-dispositive motion should contain the statement required by Local Rule 7.1.1.
- 16. <u>Pretrial Conference</u>. At the convenience of the Court, on **May 20**, **2014**, the Court will hold a pretrial conference in Court with counsel beginning at 2:00 p.m. Unless otherwise ordered by the Court, the parties should assume that filing the pretrial order satisfies the pretrial disclosure requirement of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a)(3). The parties shall

file with the Court the joint proposed final pretrial order with the information required by the form of Final Pretrial Order which accompanies this Scheduling Order **no later than seven (7) business days before the date of the Pretrial Conference**. Unless otherwise ordered by the Court, the parties shall comply with the timeframes set forth in Local Rule 16.3(d)(1)-(3) for the preparation of the joint proposed final pretrial order. The Court will advise the parties at or before the above-scheduled pretrial conference whether an additional pretrial conference will be necessary.

- Motions in Limine. Motions in limine shall not be separately filed. All in limine requests and responses thereto shall be set forth in the proposed pretrial order. Each party shall be limited to five (5) in limine requests, unless otherwise permitted by the Court. The in limine request and any response shall contain the authorities relied upon; each in limine request may be supported by a maximum of three (3) pages of argument and may be opposed by a maximum of three (3) pages of argument, and the party making the in limine request may add a maximum of one (1) additional page in reply in support of its request. If more than one party is supporting or opposing an in limine request, such support or opposition shall be combined in a single three (3) page submission (and, if the moving party, a single one (1) page reply), unless otherwise ordered by the Court. No separate briefing shall be submitted on in limine requests, unless otherwise permitted by the Court.
- 18. <u>Jury Instructions, Voir Dire, and Special Verdict Forms</u>. Where a case is to be tried to a jury, pursuant to Local Rules 47 and 51 the parties should file (i) proposed voir dire, (ii) preliminary jury instructions, (iii) final jury instructions, and (iv) special verdict forms three (3) full business days before the final pretrial conference. This submission shall be accompanied by

a computer diskette containing each of the foregoing four (4) documents in WordPerfect format.

19. <u>Trial</u>. This matter is scheduled for a **jury** trial beginning at the Court's

convenience on July 14, 2014, with the subsequent trial days beginning at 9:00 a.m. The parties

preliminarily estimate that the trial will last 7 days. Until the case is submitted to the jury for

deliberations, the jury will be excused each day at 4:30 p.m. The trial will be timed, as counsel

will be allocated a total number of hours in which to present their respective cases.

The Honorable Christopher J. Burke

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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